

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Previously withdrawn claims 6-8, 11, 13, 16 and 29-31, drawn to non-elected inventions, have been cancelled from the application. Claims 17-23 and 25-27 have been cancelled. It is urged that none of these amendments constitute new matter or raise new issues for consideration.

Claim Rejections

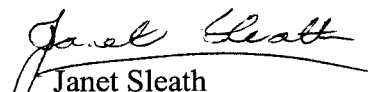
Claims 17-21 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; claims 25-27 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as lacking an adequate written description; and claims 17-23 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as lacking an enabling disclosure. While applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position and does not acquiesce in any of these rejections, claims 17-23 and 25-27 have been cancelled from the application in order to expedite allowance of the remaining claims. Applicant specifically reserves the right to pursue claims to the subject matter of cancelled claims 17-23 and 25-27 in a related patent application.

Concluding Remarks

The Examiner has indicated that claims 14, 15, 24 and 28 are allowable. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further concerns regarding the subject application, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 206.382.1191.

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